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MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE:

I am herewith returning to your Honorable Body Senate Bill No. 563, House Bill No. 741, and Act No. 1192 entitled "TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS FOR SULLIVAN'S ISLAND TO ACQUIRE THE PROPERTIES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA KNOWN AS FORT MOULTRIE AND MARSHALL RESERVATION ON SAID SULLIVAN'S ISLAND, WHICH HAVE BEEN OR MAY BE DECLARED SURPLUS; AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE OR PURPOSES TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER SAID BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS FOR SULLIVAN'S ISLAND TO ISSUE NOTES AND/ OR BONDS PAYABLE FROM THE REVENUES DERIVED FROM THE OPERATION OF SAID PROPERTIES OR FROM THE PROCEEDS OF SALE OF SAID PROPERTIES, AND/ OR TO INCUR ANY OTHER FORM OF INDEBTEDNESS SECURED BY A MORTGAGE OR MORTGAGES ON THE PROPERTIES SO ACQUIRED, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAID PROPERTIES, FOR THEIR CONTROL, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE, AND FOR THE NECESSARY COSTS AND EXPENSES INVOLVED; TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER SAID BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS FOR SULLIVAN'S ISLAND TO DESIGNATE AND APPOINT ONE OF ITS MEMBERS TO ACT FOR AND IN ITS BEHALF IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS LOOKING TOWARDS THE ACQUISITION OF SAID PROPERTIES OR ANY PORTION THEREOF; TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER SAID BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS FOR SULLIVAN'S ISLAND TO ADOPT AND PROMULGATE RULES, REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES FOR THE OPERATION, CONTROL OR DISPOSAL OF THE PROPERTIES SO ACQUIRED, EITHER AT PRIVATE SALE OR PUBLIC OUTCRY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

The State is engaged in conferences and negotiations with the appropriate Federal agencies in reference to the acquisition of Fort Moultrie and Marshall Reservation.

It appears likely that the State will receive without cost a portion of Fort Moultrie to be held as a historic monument, and will acquire other portions of the Fort property



on some basis to be agreed upon for state purposes. It also appears that the remainder of the property will be disposed of to the Township Commission or other purchaser thereafter.

This Act was to be held by me and signed only should it prove to be necessary between sessions to protect the public interest. I am vetoing it so that new legislation can be considered at the present session which will be more in accord with the factual situation as it ultimately develops.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Strom Thurmond  
Governor

January 11, 1949

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